



MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the House Insurance Committee

From: Wendy Block, Director of Health Policy and Human Resources

Subject: Individual Market Legislation (HBs 5282-85)

Date: October 16, 2007

Thank you for introducing and considering legislation to relating to Michigan's individual health insurance market, House Bills 5282-85.

With costs continuing to skyrocket, it is understandable that healthcare is a key issue for the over 7,100 members of the Michigan Chamber. However, we cannot support or oppose HBs 5282-85 at this time because we believe these bills deserve further consideration and study by this Committee and our members.

The Michigan Chamber's Health and Human Resources Committee plans to meet to discuss these bills and our position on Friday, October 26. Following this meeting, we hope to be able to provide you with testimony on this important issue.

We hope the meeting today will be one of several public hearings on this issue and respectfully encourage you to pursue an open and deliberative Committee process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Rich Studley if you have any questions at (517)371-2100.